

RECORD

of the Meeting of V. I. Romanov of the U.S.S.R. and
W. E. Andrus, Jr. of the U.S.A.
(Gaithersburg, Md., 31 March - 4 April 1975)

In accordance with the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Agreement on Cooperation in the Fields of Science and Technology of May 24, 1972, a meeting of the U.S. and U.S.S.R. Project Managers responsible for the projects defined in the program proposal of the Working Group on Metrology, Part IV, Topic 1, Automated Information and Control Systems in the Area of Standardization, and Topic 2(a), Use of Computers for the Control of the Process of Standardization, was held in Gaithersburg, Maryland, from 31 March through 4 April 1975. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development of automated information exchange in the areas of metrology and standardization.

During this week's meetings the U.S.S.R. Delegates visited the Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology (ICST), the NBS Library, the Associate Director for Automatic Data Processing Standards, the Associate Director for Information Programs, and the Standards Information Section at NBS. The visit was organized and hosted by the Office of International Standards. Attachment 1 lists the participants.

In addition the U.S.S.R. Delegates were accompanied by C. B. Phucas and A. J. Neumann, and they visited:

1. The National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U.S. Department of Commerce.
2. Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS); American Chemical Society.
3. Battelle Memorial Institute.

4. American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
5. Engineering Index (EI), United Engineering Center.

At all of these organizations the visitors observed information processing methods, computer installations, indexing methods and related processes.

At the final meeting at NBS the U.S. and U.S.S.R. Project Managers agreed to the following actions:

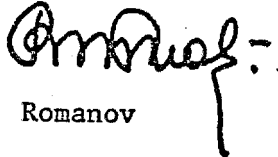
1. Concept papers describing the main features of the proposed Automated Information and Control Systems in the Area of Standardization would be written by both sides. Drafts would be exchanged by July 15, 1975, in order to provide time for internal review prior to discussion at the September meeting in Moscow. Both papers will follow the outline appended as Attachment 2.
2. Both sides exchanged a series of typical user questions, in the interest of common elements.
3. The U.S.S.R. Delegates requested NBS investigate the availability of BASIS-type Software from Battelle Memorial Institute. The U.S. will advise the U.S.S.R. of their findings by July 15, 1975.
4. Each delegation will make available pertinent information relevant to the subject program.
5. The delegations agreed that the work under this program will support the objectives of INFCO.

6. A return visit of the U.S. Delegation would be arranged for September of 1975.

In addition to this action program, discussions were held concerning the possibility of cooperation in the field of classification and coding. Contact should be made with the Statistical Policy Division, Office of Management and Budget within the GOSSTANDART-NBS program. NBS recommends that GOSSTANDART investigate the activities of ISO/TC-97/SC-1 and SC-14 to determine their possible interest and participation.

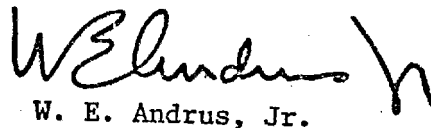
Both Project Managers reaffirmed their mutual interest in strengthening the scientific and technical cooperation in standardization and in particular the use of computers in the standardization process.

For the Soviet Union



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